

SEAA 1509

Virgin River Priority Call regarding BLM water rights on the North Fork of the Virgin River

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To: MikeSilva@utah.gov

To: Mike Silva

This letter is to inform you that per our phone conversation and letter we received from your office regarding BLM's water right on the North Fork of the Virgin River. That I called Matt Bulloch permittee on the Hogs Heaven Allotment where the said BLM water was being diverted on August 19 2014. He said the diverting of water from the North Fork would stopped and tat he had received a copy of the Priority Call. I made a follow up call on August 22nd and he said they had stopped diverting water.

Matt and I also discussed the need to install some type of control headgate and measuring device as required by Utah Code Ann. 73-5-4. He agreed that the diversions would remain out of service until the priority call is lifted and a functional, lockable headgate including accurate measuring device was installed on all diversions.

The BLM in conjunction with Matt Bulloch, (DWQ) Utah Department of Water Quality, (UACD) Utah Association of COonservations Districts, NRCS, The Trust for Public Lands, and Kevin McLaws are developing plans to construct a new diversion including a settling pond, sediment sluice, an accurate measuring device, and lockable control gates. The system will be convert the current flood irrigation into pressurized irrigation. We understand that stream alteration permits and point of diversion changes must be approved before ground disturbing activities begin.

Thank you --

If you have any questions or need a more formal response letter please let me know.

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Thanks John, this is what I needed and it will be entered into the record under the SEAA 1509.

We were in the area on Tuesday 9-23-2014 and verified that the diversions were indeed out of service and the water was in the river.

Please keep me abreast of progress on the new diversion and settling pond. There may be varying priority dates moved to one Point of Diversion so depending on the status and date of honored priority of water right, some may and some may not be viable.

We don not anticipate lifting the priority call until spring. There will be a separate notification letter sent out.

--Mike Silva, Distribution Engineer, Utah Division of Water Rights.

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